

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23234

This statutory amendment proposal would create several changes to various certificates of competency (licenses) held by plumbers in Idaho. It would extend from one (1) year to two (2) years the period during which any license may be renewed without having to take an examination if the holder has failed to renew the license upon its natural expiration. This is expected to benefit licensees who may not immediately renew their license upon expiration by providing them with an additional year to renew such without having to take another exam. Secondly, this proposal allows plumbing contractors and specialty contractors to renew their license on an inactive basis each year at a reduced fee if they are not actively engaged in plumbing contracting in the state. An inactive license may be converted to an active license at any time upon payment of the required fees. This is expected to benefit plumbing contractors who may not be engaged in plumbing contracting, but desire to retain their contractor's license without expiration and the need for another examination. Finally, this proposal creates a temporary plumbing contractor license for use by a plumbing contracting business in the event that the contractor dies or becomes incapacitated. A licensed plumbing journeyman may obtain such a temporary license to represent the contracting business to wind down operations and complete existing jobs, or until another plumbing contractor is acquired to represent the company. A temporary contractor license would be valid for a period of ninety (90) days, with a renewal option. A plumbing contractor license is an individual license, not held by the plumbing contracting business, but rather the individual who owns or associates with the business. Consequently, if the contractor is unable to perform, the business is not properly licensed. This amendment is expected to benefit any plumbing contracting business which may need an individual to assist in temporarily operating the business in the event the licensed contractor is unable to do so.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact.

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